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3. (Once Amended) A method for providing glutamine to a mammal suffering from injured, diseased or under-developed intestines, the method comprising the step of administering to the mammal a nutritional composition including a protein source chosen from the group consisting of whey protein, and protein mixture which simulates the amino acid profile of whey protein.

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4. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 3 wherein the mammal is a pre-term infant having an under-developed intestine.

5. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 4 wherein the whey protein is hydrolyzed and the protein source further comprises arginine, tyrosine and histidine.

6. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the whey protein is hydrolyzed whey protein.

7. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 6 wherein the hydrolyzed whey protein contains less than about 5% by weight of free amino acids, about 15% to about 55% by weight of peptides having a molecular weight of less than 1000 Da, about 20% to about 55% by weight of peptides having a molecular weight of 1000 Da to 5000 Da, and about 15% to about 35% by weight of peptides having a molecular weight of greater than 5000 Da.

8. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the protein source provides about 10% to about 20% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

9. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a lipid source which provides about 20% to about 50% of the energy of the nutritional composition, the lipid source comprising a mixture of medium chain and long chain fatty acids.

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10. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a carbohydrate source which provides about 35% to about 65% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

Please add Claims 11-16 as follows:

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11. The method of Claim 2 wherein the protein source provides about 10% to about 20% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

12. The method of Claim 2 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a lipid source which provides about 20% to about 50% of the energy of the nutritional composition, the lipid source comprising a mixture of medium chain and long chain fatty acids.

13. The method of Claim 2 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a carbohydrate source which provides about 35% to about 65% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

14. The method of Claim 3 wherein the protein source provides about 10% to about 20% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

15. The method of Claim 3 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a lipid source which provides about 20% to about 50% of the energy of the nutritional composition, the lipid source comprising a mixture of medium chain and long chain fatty acids.

16. The method of Claim 3 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a carbohydrate source which provides about 35% to about 65% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

#### REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2001. In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejects Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §101 alleging that Applicants claim a recitation of a use without setting forth any steps involved in a process,